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SOVIET MEDIA ATTACKS ON RFE/RL RESUME

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1. AFTER A PAUSE OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS, THE SOVIET PRESS HAS
AGAIN BEGUN TO ATTACK RFE/RL. IZVESTIYA FOR MAY 27 CARRIES
A BOOK REVIEW OF THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED "THEY UNMASK THE SPIES."
THE REVIEW, BY ONE V. KASSIS, OBSERVES THAT THE BOOK'S
HEROES ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF RFE/RL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
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UNMASKING OPERATION AND HAVE REVEALED THE NATURE OF THE RADIOS'
ACTIVITIES. THE REVIEW NAMES: ANDREY CHEKHOVICH,
PAVEL MINARIK, MARIAN SLAMEN, ERWIN MAREK, KHRISAN
KHRISTOF AND YURIY MARIN. BESIDES NAMING AND EULOGIZING
THESE FORMER STAFF MEMBERS (WHOSE REMINISCENCE APPARENTLY
FOR THE CONTENT OF THE BOOK), THE REVIEW OBSERVES THAT
THERE EXISTS DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THE CONNECTION WITH

THE CIA. IT ALSO NOTES THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATIONS HAVE INCREASED SINCE THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, AS PROVEN BY A CITATION FROM AN ALLEGED "SECRET DIRECTIVE." THE REVIEW TRIES TO STRESS THE SERIOUS, ACADEMIC NATURE OF THE BOOK.

2. RFE/RL IS ALSO MENTIONED IN THE COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN OF PRAVDA FOR MAY 28, IN AN ARTICLE DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF RFE/RL

DIRECTOR MICKELSON IS LINKED WITH THAT OF USIA DIRECTOR REINHARDT, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUFFE. IN WHAT IS INTENDED AS IRONY, VLADIMIR BOL'SHAKOV, AUTHOR OF THE PRAVDA PIECE, STATES THAT MICKELSON DEMANDED THAT THE "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES 'STOP THE ATTACKS' ON THE CIA UNDERGROUND CENTER WHICH HE DIRECTS... THE CIA DEMANDS, THROUGH MICKELSON'S LIPS, THAT ITS INTERESTS BE DEFENDED NOT JUST ANYWHERE, BUT EVEN AT BELGRADE."

3. NO DOUBT THE ANTI-RFE/RL PROPAGANDA WILL INTENSIFY AS BELGRADE APPROACHES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE AN AP STORY OF MAY 28 IN WHICH MICKELSON IS QUOTED AS HAVING ADMITTED THAT HE HAD APPROVED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CBS NEWS DIVISION AND THE CIA IN THE 1950'S. GIVEN MICKELSON'S PRESENT JOB, THE SOVIETS WILL PROBABLY SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS RELATIONSHIP.
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